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SUBJECT: UAE SUPPORT FOR US PROPOSAL ON ITU-R STUDY GROUP 5
RESTRUCTURING

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¶1. (SBU) On October 7, EconOff delivered reftel demarche on the US proposal for ITU-R Study Group 5 restructuring to Tariq Al-Awadhi, Executive Director for Spectrum and International Affairs at the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority. Al-Awadhi said that the UAE, along with other Arab League nations, had submitted a similar proposal for the combination of Working Parties 5A and 5D earlier in ¶2008. He agreed that it was redundant to have two entities with such similar mandates. Al-Awadhi said that the UAE would support the US proposal and that he would be attending the ITU-R Study Group 5 meeting in Geneva in November.

¶2. (U) Note: Al-Awadhi explained that Naser Al Rashedi, who was listed as the UAE POC in reftel, is the UAE Permanent Representative to the ITU in Geneva. Al-Awadhi asked that all future ITU demarches be delivered to him in the UAE and said he would pass the information to Al Rashedi. Please find below Al-Awadhi's contact information:

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